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1. On 30 March 1953, about 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with engineer insignia, were observed carrying round lumber and square 50X1-HUM the Eugen Kaserne in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). About 40 unarmed soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in close-order drill at the Rainer Kaserne. About 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying reels, bags and some poles left the Franz Josef Kaserne and marched toward the municipal forest. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles passing the barrier included: sedan jeep tank truck and trucks . All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.¹ 50X1-HUM
2. On 30 March, about 40 unarmed soldiers were drilling at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Vehicles parked at the installation included 10 trucks, 3 jeeps, 2 weapon carriers and 1 half-track vehicle. The following vehicles were observed at Camp Spratzern: sedan jeep tank truck and truck . All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.¹ 50X1-HUM
3. On 31 March, the former Landesheilanstalt in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26) was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers entering or leaving the installation wore black-bordered red epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. 30 trucks in the area of the former Landesheilanstalt. the total was about 60 trucks. At least 4 SU-76 and 1 jeep were also observed at the installation. Other vehicles observed included: radio truck and truck driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.² 50X1-HUM
4. On 31 March, two medical officers with the rank of a major, four nurses, and soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered red epaulets or black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). Some soldiers wore dressings.
5. On 27 March, Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers observed at the installation included about 12 EM at 12 three-axle trucks, and about 20 EM cleaning arms. All soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three groups of about 15 EM each were observed in the terrain east

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of Camp Spratzern. They probably did map reading. About 5 officers and 34 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were engaged in driving practice at the drill ground at of the installation. Groups of four soldiers in an armored vehicle

practiced driving. Vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern included tank truck and trucks. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck occupied by 3 EM and truck with 4 EM were observed on the highway from St. Poelten to Spratzern. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed on the highway from Spratzern to St. Poelten included: jeep and trucks. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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